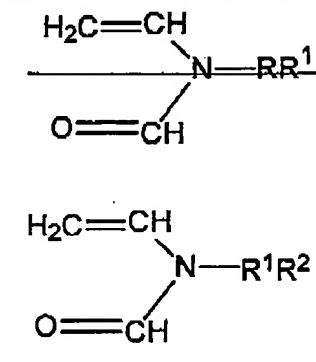


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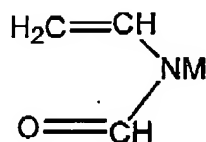
Please amend the abstract as follows:

A method of synthesizing a compound having the formula:



comprising the step of:

reacting a N-vinylformamide salt having the formula



with a compound having the formula  $\text{XR}^1\text{R}^2$   ~~$\text{XRR}^2$~~ , wherein X is Br, Cl or I, M is an alkali metal or an alkali earth metal,  $\text{R}^1$  is a C0-C25 alkylene group, a C0-C25 fluoroalkylene group or a C0-C25 perfluoro alkylene group,  $\text{R}^2$  is H, provided  $\text{R}^1$  is not absent, an alkyl group, a fluoroalkyl group, a perfluoroalkyl group, an aryl group, a hydroxy group, a polyether group, a heterocyclic group of 5 or 6 atoms wherein at least one of the atoms is not a carbon and is N, O, or S,  $-\text{OR}^3$ , wherein,  $\text{R}^3$  is an alkyl group, a fluoroalkyl group, a perfluoroalkyl group, or an aryl group,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^4$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^4$ ,  $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{R}^4$ , wherein  $\text{R}^4$  is an H, an alkyl group, a fluoroalkyl group, a perfluoroalkyl group, or an aryl group, a phthalimide group or  $\text{NR}^5\text{R}^5$  wherein  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^5$  are independently H,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^4$ , an alkyl, a fluoroalkyl group, a perfluoroalkyl group or an aryl group.